

Danny's gone, but Duke is still a mean Devil

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"I want to let everyone know that we're really pleased that Danny Ferry is no longer with our program, that we're looking forward to playing a couple of freshmen and having more of a challenge than we've had the last couple of years." — Mike Krzyzewski, head coach of the Duke Blue Devils.

Don't take Krzyzewski seriously, though. The Duke head coach would most likely give up his first-born child to have Ferry back for another four seasons. However, that violates NCAA regulations on recruiting, so Ferry will remain in pastaland this year.

What Coach K does have back for the 1989-90 season is an experienced frontline, a freshman point guard and good team quickness and depth.

"I really like my squad," Krzyzewski said. "I think our team can be an exciting team. It's a good

group of kids, but they are kids. We're going to have to depend a lot on the young guys."

The young guys — or more specifically, guy — referred to is freshman guard Bobby Hurley.

Hurley, a 6-foot Jersey City native, was handed the point guard starting job on Oct. 15, and Coach K has liked what he's seen of his frosh so much that he's changed his vaunted system.

"We're changing our system somewhat to run the court and to take advantage of Hurley's abilities," Krzyzewski said. "I really like Hurley, and I think you're going to like him, too. He's great in the open court."

Team captain Robert Brickey said that playing with the frosh has been a pleasure thus far. "Bob isn't very vocal, but you like to play with him because he just likes to play."

In addition to Hurley in the backcourt, the Blue Devils return senior non-transfer Phil Henderson.

The lanky 6-4 shooting guard played havoc with the Duke coaching staff over the summer, declaring he would transfer to Illinois and then deciding to stay at Duke a month and a half later.

Krzyzewski said the debacle has not effected the team, and it is over in the minds of the players and the coaches.

"When he said he was leaving, it was over for me," Krzyzewski said. "Once the thing was done, it was 'Good luck, and if we can help, we will.' Then a month and a half later, he was back in, and it was handled

correctly with all the players, the staff and the school administration."

If the episode is truly out of the minds of the team, Henderson can really help with his athletic ability, outside shooting and defense. The senior needs to improve his ball handling (99 turnovers to 93 assists), but his experience should take some pressure off of Hurley.

When Henderson and Hurley need breathers, Krzyzewski will have a choice of junior guard/forward Greg Koubek, sophomore Brian Davis and freshman Billy McCaffrey.

Koubek, who slumped all of last

season, has learned to relax over the summer and looks much improved, Coach K said.

"Probably the biggest surprise in the preseason so far has been Koubek. He's just playing like a very confident player, which he should because he is a good player," Krzyzewski said.

The 6-6 Davis may be used as a swingman, similar to Koubek. The sophomore has a year of experience, good quickness and plays tough defense.

McCaffrey will get minutes this

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Duke Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Year	Hometown
30	***Alaa Abdelnaby	C	6-10	240	Sr.	Bloomfield, N.J.
21	***Robert Brickey	F	6-5	205	Sr.	Fayetteville, N.C.
45	***Clay Buckley	F-C	6-10	225	Jr.	Wayne, Pa.
42	***George Burgin	C	7-0	215	Sr.	Fairfax, Va.
13	*Joe Cook	G	6-2	195	Jr.	Lincoln, Ill.
23	*Brian Davis	G-F	6-6	185	So.	Bladensburg, Md.
3	***Phil Henderson	G	6-5	180	Sr.	University Park, Ill.
25	Thomas Hill	G-F	6-4	190	Fr.	Lancaster, Tex.
11	Bobby Hurley	G	6-0	150	Fr.	Jersey City, N.J.
22	*Greg Koubek	F	6-6	205	Jr.	Clifton Park, N.Y.
32	*Christian Laettner	F	6-11	225	So.	Angola, N.Y.
5	Billy McCaffrey	G	6-3	175	Fr.	Allentown, Pa.
34	*Crawford Palmer	C	6-9	225	So.	Alexandria, Va.

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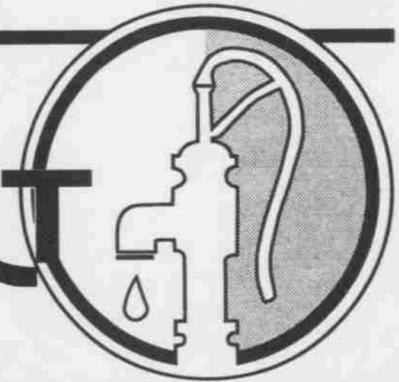


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